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News

Subangstrom Microscopy

Materials scientists, solid state geophysicists, geochemists, and mineralogists are becoming increasingly interested in examining surfaces of crystals at ultrahigh resolution. Modern scanning transmission electron microscopy (STEM) techniques have resolution of better than 10^{-4} m (100 Å) a requirement for studying microstructural features in crystals. Electron microscopy and microphotometer techniques have become standard in the examination of surface features of polished crystals. There remain numerous features, atomic clusters, lattice point crystals and defect phenomena that have not been resolved, but which will be amenable to the newly invented scanning tunneling microscopy methods.

Recent work reported by the IBM Research Laboratory in Zurich includes scanning electron tunneling measurements of surfaces in which the vertical resolution achieved was better than 10^{-11} m, the horizontal resolution being about 10^{-10} m (about two large atomic diameters). The image buildup from successive scanning raster results from the vertically resolved relief. Unlike electron microscopy and other scanning techniques (such as auger spectroscopy, in which ordered, two-dimensional arrays of atoms on a crystal surface are sampled and their properties averaged), the SCA technique, as it is sometimes referred to, can resolve a small portion of an atom.

The technique is still under development. Initially it may be possible to obtain quantitative data on bond lengths, and in combination with other techniques, the element being scanned may be identified. According to recently published discussion, IBM scientists have published several papers demonstrating the capability of vacuum tunneling to map the topography of atomic and semiconductor surfaces with nearly atomic resolution (Science, April 1, 1983).

The IBM observations may have theoretical implications in studying the quantum mechanical tunneling effect, as well as having practical applications in atomic microscopy. The tunneling effect itself occurs in this process because the wave functions of electrons extend into space beyond the surface limits of the solid material. Thus, if two materials are close to each other, but not in contact, the functions of electrons from each can overlap. Depending on the work functions of the materials and a number of other factors, the probability of tunneling is inversely proportional to the distance of separation between two materials in a vacuum; this distance being on the angstrom scale.

An electron tunneling microscope or imaging system has its crude portions and its ultratransparent mechanisms. For example, the apparatus employed by IBM consists of a wire scanned along a flat sample surface without

being in contact. The wire tip radius is 'grossly' formed on the order of only one micrometer, the actual tunneling being between minute whiskers or filaments within the surface. Heinrich Rohrer of the IBM group was quoted in the Science piece as saying that the tunneling effect between such sharp filaments is hard to predict, presumably because of the relatively crude construction. 'It is still a matter of luck.' After the establishment of high-resolution conditions, however, the system is stable for an hour or more.

The precise parts of the SCA system are involved with the mechanical stability of the apparatus. According to A. L. Robinson, 'The "loose" as it has come to be known moves like an inchworm.' That is, the wire tip can be moved in three dimensions. The precise motions are achieved by a piezoelectric, multiple-drive system. As the tip scans over the sample surface two-dimensionally, the tunneling current acts as a guide, with the tip vertically maintaining constant distance from the sample.

The first samples studied by IBM were crystal surfaces of gold and silicon. Silicon's surface, for example, has unit cell dimensions larger and of lower symmetry than the crystal's average. These surface cells can be modified. In a cleaved (111) surface, the surface atoms rearrange their bonds slightly so that the threefold symmetry is lost. . . . [The unit cell . . . has the jargon name (2×1) . Other treatment of the surfaces of silicon crystals produced larger unit cells $(7 \times 7, 49 \text{ Si atoms})$.

Among the many possible refinements of scanning tunneling microscopy techniques are those that involve obtaining a determination of electron wavefunctions of surface atoms. A characteristic of tunneling current is that on the average it varies with $e^{-4d/\phi}$ (where ϕ is the average work function and d is separation between wire probe and sample surface). The specific surface electronic wave functions could for the first time be measured on an atom by atom basis and compared with theory. —PMB

New Atmospheric Program

The National Science Foundation's Division of Atmospheric Sciences is now accepting proposals requesting only specialized research equipment or instrumentation. The division, within the Directorate for Astronomical, Atmospheric, Earth, and Ocean Sciences (AAEOS), aims to echo the theme of increased support for instrumentation of the NSF fiscal 1984 budget request to Congress.

Guidelines for proposals for specialized research equipment and instrumentation are the same as those for research proposals. Each potential major user should describe the research projects for which the equipment will be used. Some institutional contribution is encouraged for the equipment proposals. For additional information on the submission of instrumentation proposals, contact the specific program director in the grant programs section (see list below) or in the new Upper Atmospheric Facilities program in NSF's Centers and Facilities section (see related news item this issue). Guidelines for proposal preparation can be found in NSF publication 81-79, Grants for Scientific and Engineering Research.

Science Jobs Tight

In the latest report of the College Placement Council it was noted that a recovery of sorts may be underway for recent graduates in science, engineering, or technology. Based on a survey of 185 placement offices at 160 colleges and universities, the College Placement Survey concluded in its April 1983 report that only one half as many job offers in science, engineering, and technology fields were reported this year, compared with the same time last year. However, although fewer offers were made, more jobs were filled.

Petroleum engineering graduates have commanded the highest beginning salaries of all fields this spring. The average salary offered to petroleum engineers in the class of 1983 is \$31,044 per year, almost a 2% increase over last year's starting salary for the same discipline. In second place are chemical engineering graduates who are being offered average starting salaries of \$27,536 per year, about 1% higher than last year's figure.

In other technical fields starting salaries ranged down to, and slightly below, \$20,000 per year. For example, computer science graduates, by far the largest group in terms of number of offers, had average starting salaries of \$23,173. This average was 1.2% above last year's computer sciences average, which in turn was 9% higher than the 1981 average. By contrast, students majoring in the humanities reported an average salary offer of \$14,256 per year. —PMB

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Specific program directors in the grant programs section are Aeronomy program, Gulamabas Sivjee (telephone: 202-357-7619);

Atmospheric Chemistry program, Jarvis L. Moyers (telephone: 202-357-9657); Climate Dynamics program, Thomas Crowley (effective June 1) (telephone: 202-357-9892); Experimental Meteorology and Weather Modification program, Richard A. Dirks (telephone: 202-357-9431); Global Atmospheric Research (GARP) program, Jay S. Fein (telephone: 202-357-9887); Meteorology program, Ronald C. Taylor (telephone: 202-357-7624); Solar Terrestrial program, Dennis S. Peacock (telephone: 202-357-7618); and Upper Atmospheric Facilities program, Richard A. Behnke (telephone: 202-357-7390).

The funding of instrumentation proposals reverses a 10-year division policy to support facilities and instrumentation only as part of research grants; in fact, no special funds have existed for facilities support within the grant programs for several years. The atmospheric sciences division will continue to accept proposals for research instrumentation as part of regular research proposals.

Earliest Mass Extinction

Scientists have uncovered evidence that points to a major mass extinction that wiped out many types of one-celled algae 650 million years ago, near the end of the Precambrian era, according to the National Science Foundation (NSF). Prior to this discovery, the oldest known major extinction had been in the Ordovician Period, some 450 million years ago, when many species of shell-covered marine animals disappeared.

This Precambrian mass extinction was found at several places in the northeast Atlantic region, including Spitsbergen, the Baltic, and eastern Greenland. Andrew H. Knoll, an associate professor of biology at Harvard University, explained, Knoll, whose research was funded by NSF, was working with Gonzalo Vidal, professor of geology at Lund University, when they uncovered their finding.

Knoll and Vidal were studying sequences of algae fossils from the late Precambrian and Cambrian periods deposited in sedimentary rocks from several widely spaced locations in the northeastern Atlantic when they noticed a sharp decline in the number of algal species present. At each site, at a certain level in the rocks, they found that as many as 70% of the known algal species disappeared.

According to Knoll, the mass extinction may have been related to environmental changes that took place during a widespread glacial period occurring at about the same time. "Extinctions are a fact of evolutionary life" and are not randomly distributed through time but are often concentrated in brief periods.

The algae eventually returned, but it took nearly 100 million years, well into the Cambrian period, before the survivors of the extinction diversified into as many species as had existed before, Knoll said.

Books

Georges Bank: Past, Present, and Future of a Marine Environment

G. C. McLeod and J. H. Prescott (Eds.), Westview, Boulder, Colo., xvi + 196 pp., 1982, \$27.50.

Reviewed by Tom Sawyer Hopkins

This book is composed of a series of lectures given at the New England Aquarium in early 1980. The intent of these lectures was to summarize the issues of ecology, resource management, and law relating to the Georges Bank. Their underlying theme concerns the controversy of whether or not the bank can support both its present fishery and its oil and gas production. In the sense that interest in oil exploration has since subsided, the book is somewhat outdated. Nevertheless, it presents a very readable overview of one of the world's most productive environments, an environment that provided an excellent example of the economic and ecological problems that can result from misuse of its resources.

The book addresses several controversies. The first is essentially a scientific question: What is the definition of the unique set of oceanographic processes that sustain such a productive marine ecosystem? The basic physical and biological processes are complexly intertwined. One is struck by the complete spectrum of dynamics involved in the Georges Bank ecosystem. On the physical side, the dynamics include nonlinear tidal effects, estuarine circulation in the Gulf of Maine, and Gulf Stream rings

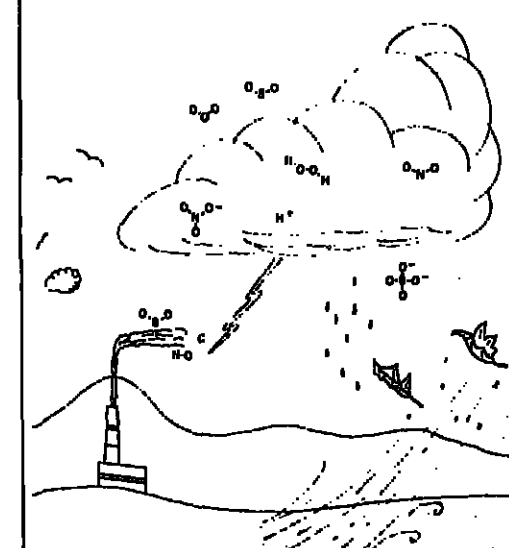
biological side the spectrum ranges across the favorable vertical scales (coupled to a steady nutrient supply that provides an almost optimal environment for primary production); favorable horizontal scales that contain the primary production for a large suite of pelagic and benthic secondary producers; and the biological interactions of more than 200 species of fish, shellfish, birds, and mammals that capitalize on this extraordinary wealth of production. One is struck also by the disparity between our need for a scientific basis for describing an ecosystem as rich as the Georges Bank and our ability to provide it; marine scientists are still struggling to describe much simpler ecosystems.

Optimal management is the central question concerning the tremendous biological wealth of the Georges Bank. Historically, management was never a concern and even now is far less of one than it should be. It is fascinating to read the early accounts of the Georges Bank fishery (as presented by Daniel Merriam) and to realize, for example, that American history was affected by the 67 huge codfish taken in less than 2 hours by the Mayflower Pilgrims as they hove to off Cape Cod. As a result of this catch, the pilgrims decided not to continue to the Virginia Colony as planned. The New England fisheries thrived on the European salt cod market in the early 19th century. By the late 19th century it was clear that overfishing could be a problem; but the diversity of fish stock and the expanding market were sufficient to keep the fisheries alive and unconcerned. It was not until the arrival of dedicated foreign fleets in the 1980's that the threat of overfishing received political attention.

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U.S. To Aid Coastal Research

Mary Hope Katsouras

Prior to the 1964 implementation of the 1958 Convention on the Continental Shelf, oceanographers were free to plan and carry out research projects virtually anywhere on or under the seas of the world (see Article 5(1) and 5(8)). Today, dozens of coastal nations regulate marine research within 200 nautical miles (370 km) of their shores, imposing increasingly severe restrictions and creating diverse and uncertain consent procedures. Both the Reagan administration and Congress have acted recently to alleviate some of these jurisdictional problems being experienced by U.S. marine scientists.

On March 10, 1983, President Reagan issued a proclamation on the "Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States of America" and related statements. It is the accompanying "Statement by the President" and the "Fact Sheet" on "United States Ocean Policy" (all three of which are dated March 10), rather than the proclamation, that outline the U.S. position on the conduct of marine scientific research. The "Statement by the President" declares that:

While international law provides for a right of jurisdiction over marine scientific research within such a zone, the proclamation does not assert this right. I have elected not to do so because of the United States' interest in encouraging marine scientific research and avoiding any unnecessary burdens. The United States will nevertheless recognize the right of other coastal states to exercise jurisdiction over marine scientific research within 200 nautical miles of their coasts, if that jurisdiction is exercised reasonably in a manner consistent with international law.

The "Fact Sheet" states that:

The President has decided not to assert jurisdiction over marine scientific research in the United States EEZ [Exclusive Economic Zone]. This is consistent with U.S. interest in promoting maximum freedom for such research. The Department of State will take steps to facilitate access by U.S. scientists to foreign EEZ's under reasonable conditions.

On March 11, 1983, Rep. John B. Breaux (D-La.) and Sen. Ted Stevens (R-Alaska) introduced companion bills in Congress (H.R. 2061 and S. 750) to implement the proclamation and statement. Section 105 of the legislation (1) defines a "marine scientific research area;" (2) directs the Secretary of State to submit promptly to the appropriate officials of a coastal nation requests by U.S. scientists for permission to conduct marine scientific research in the marine scientific research area of that nation; and (3) instructs the Secretary of State to initiate negotiations for the purpose of obtaining bilateral and multilateral agreements.

Section 105 defines a marine scientific research area as (1) an area the inner boundary of which is the base line from which the territorial sea of the coastal state is measured and the outer boundary of which is a line drawn in such a manner that each point on it is two hundred nautical miles from the inner boundary; and (2) the continental shelf of the coastal state.

In directing the Secretary of State to submit research requests to other countries on behalf of U.S. scientists, Section 105 also directs the Secretary to declare, as part of the request, that the United States recognizes marine scientific research as a freedom of the high seas. However, neither the Policy Statement, the Proclamation, nor the Fact Sheet

indicate that such research is a freedom of the high seas.

The international agreements specified in Section 105 are intended to reduce the financial and procedural burden of obtaining research permission. Furthermore, the legislation states that agreements should be sought with those coastal nations in which U.S. marine scientists have expressed the greatest research interest.

Congressional interest in the issue was previously indicated on January 6, 1983, when Rep. Gerry E. Studds (D-Mass.) introduced H.R. 703 to facilitate the conduct of international marine scientific research. This bill differs from the Presidential proclamation and the implementing legislation because it asserts the right of all coastal countries to regulate, authorize, and conduct marine scientific research on the Outer Continental Shelf and in coastal waters out to 200 nautical miles. It provides, further, that marine research may be conducted by scientists in any area under U.S. jurisdiction, provided that the research is conducted in a lawful manner. Like the later legislation, H.R. 703 also requires the Secretary of State to transmit marine research requests from U.S. scientists to other countries and to initiate negotiations that will facilitate international marine scientific research.

What do these developments mean to marine scientists?

Until the issuance of the proclamation, the United States had been unable to process requests by U.S. scientists to conduct research in waters adjacent to other nations unless a portion of the research as to be conducted within 3 nautical miles (5.5 km) of shore, up to 12 nautical miles (22.25 km) for fisheries research, and with respect to the shelf research, throughout the coastal state's Outer Continental Shelf. This policy caused hardships for many U.S. marine scientists in recent years because they were forced to alter significantly the scope and cost of their research projects in order to gain Department of State cooperation in forwarding research requests. The new role specified for the Department of State in the proclamation will alleviate this problem (memorandum of March 11, 1983, by William Erb, Director, Office of Marine Science and Technology Affairs, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State).

Thus, the science provisions of the proclamation appear to be forthright. They foster marine scientific research by all in the U.S. EEZ, while recognizing the right of other coastal nations to claim jurisdiction over marine scientific research.

It is too soon to predict the reaction of other coastal nations to the Reagan proclamation. Some observers feel that there may be a flurry of unilateral claims by other coastal nations directed solely against the United States—a reaction similar to that which greeted the Truman Proclamation. This opinion is based on the selective nature of the proclamation (for instance, its refusal to recognize coastal nations' jurisdiction over tuna).

There are other issues that the marine scientific community needs to consider especially now when the Congress and the Administration have demonstrated their interest and concern regarding the problems facing U.S. marine scientists who want to do research abroad.

The first set of questions to be addressed deal with the President's statement that the U.S. will recognize other coastal jurisdictions only if they are "exercised reasonably in a manner consistent with international law." How will the standards both of "reasonableness" and "consistency with international law" be established? Should requests be forwarded even if the United States does not agree that all the restrictions imposed by a foreign country are consistent with international law? For example, Trinidad and Tobago specify two additional prerequisites for approval of a research project. The first is that research data and results may be published only with the governments' consent and, second, that all data and specimens are the property of Trinidad and Tobago.

If the U.S. considers a nation's policy unreasonable, should a dialogue be initiated in the hope that a foreign state will alter its policies? In this regard, should the Law of the Sea obligations (Article 248 and 249) dealing with marine scientific research be recognized as the upper limits that U.S. marine scientists will accept, and if so, who should monitor whether the obligations have been met? This last point is extremely important because Article 252 of the Law of the Sea provides that a coastal state may withhold consent to research if the researching state or international organization has unfulfilled obligations.

Article 248 of the Law of the Sea requires that the state or international organization in whose or continental shelf of a coastal state the project 6 months in advance. The notification must specify the objective, field, location, and sponsors of the research project as well as information on the extent

to which the coastal state may participate or be represented in the project.

Article 249 comprises two paragraphs enumerating conditions with which the researching state must comply. Paragraph 1 lists the researching state's (or international organization's) obligations, including allowance for coastal state participation or representation, providing preliminary reports and final results, provision for access to or receipt of data and samples, helping (on request) the state to assess results, making these results generally available (subject to paragraph 2), informing coastal states of major changes in the project, and removing any installations or equipment after research is completed.

Paragraph 2 declares that the preceding provisions are without prejudice to other conditions established by the coastal state for the granting or withholding of its consent under Article 246(5), including the requirement of prior agreement for making research results available internationally when a project is of direct significance for the exploration and exploitation of natural resources. Although this provision contemplates possible prior restraint on dissemination of research results, it is limited to research related to natural resources, for which consent is a matter of coastal state discretion. Any other conditions, such as requirement of local publications, are also specifically limited to research covered by Article 246(5).

The second set of issues which need to be examined deal with bilateral and multilateral agreements. The implementing legislation instructs the Secretary of State to initiate negotiations and that agreements should be sought with those coastal states in which U.S. scientists have expressed the greatest interest in conducting marine scientific research.

A recent study of U.S. research-vessel clearance experience in the period 1972-1978 shows that 25% of U.S. research was conducted by two countries—Mexico and Canada [Wootter, 1981]. If bilateral agreements are to be pursued, should they be with our neighbors? What are the incentives for a coastal nation to enter negotiations to facilitate marine scientific research? Who will pay the costs associated with bilateral and multilateral agreements? Will scientists be asked to participate in the negotiations?

The questions raised thus far only indicate the need for marine scientists to continue to emphasize the uncertainties they face. The proclamation eliminated the problem which the Department of State had in forwarding research requests to other countries. This is a significant step forward; however, it does not resolve all the political constraints facing oceanographers. To ensure the momentum of the proclamation and the implementing legislation, the community must provide its views to the Administration and Congress on procedural issues and on ways in which marine scientific research and international collaboration can be advanced.

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Information Report

NRC Committees on Oceanography

The dust now is settling from last year's restructuring of the National Research Council (NRC) from seven assemblies and commissions to three commissions, two offices, and an independent board (*Eos*, April 27, 1982, p. 250, and March 16, 1982, p. 194). The individual committees and boards within these six new units now are moving full-speed ahead. This information report reviews four of the new boards that touch on oceanography.

Of all the shifts made to create these four boards, the biggest overhaul involved merging the old Ocean Sciences Board with the old Ocean Policy Committee to form a new Board on Ocean Science and Policy (BOSP) (*Eos*, May 5, 1983, p. 172). BOSP, which is within NRC's Commission on Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Resources, first met on May 4, with former NSF director John B. Slaughter, now chancellor of the University of Maryland, as the helm. One of the main problems facing the board, according to Mary Hope Katsouras, BOSP executive secretary, is the vast array of new satellite technologies available and the current lack of a consensus on which ones will be most useful to oceanographers. In addition, oceanographers will need to address the implications of the U.S. not being party to Law of the Sea for marine scientists. A declining bud-

get fragmentation of activities among government agencies, and the need for one spokesman for the oceanographic community also face these scientists.

The marriage of the old Climate Board and the Committee on Atmospheric Sciences produced the Board on Atmospheric Sciences and Climate (BASC), within the same commission as BOSP. The link between oceanographers and atmospheric scientists and climatologists has become increasingly strong during the last decade, so much so that oceanographers constitute a sizeable contingent on BASC and its various committees. To address the most important scientific issues in atmospheric science and climate, scientists need to look broadly at global problems. These problems, according to Fred D. White, BASC staff officer, include the Southern Oscillation's possible connection to climate; sea-level rise; and the effects of the atmosphere on the ocean, including acid rain and global tropospheric chemistry; and mesoscale phenomena.

The Polar Research Board (PRB), within the same commission as BOSP and BASC, focuses directly on oceanography. The main problems facing polar scientists that the board will address, according to W. Timothy Hushen, PRB executive secretary, include the lack of ice-strengthened vessels; the great distance between home ports and the southern oceans; and the high price of ice breakers needed to get to research sites.

Within NRC's Commission on Engineering and Technical Systems, the Marine Board (MB) is the result of a merger last year of the Maritime Transportation Research Board and the old Marine Board. Although not working on ocean science per se, the Marine Board's work relates to the engineering and technological aspects of ocean science. The board also reviews issues concerning ocean and coastal engineering, maritime commerce, ship building, and safety, according to Aurora M. Gallagher, MB staff officer.

Other NRC boards and committees also touch on oceanography or oceanography-related topics; one such group is the Geophysics Study Committee, which released a report in December on paleoceanology and paleoclimatology, and just released a report on estuarine research and the need for an interdisciplinary approach. From time to time, *Eos* will review the activities of these other boards.

The NRC was established by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) in 1916 to assist the science and technology communities with the academy's purposes of furthering knowledge and of advising the federal government. The NRC is the principal operating agency of NAS and the National Academy of Engineering; it is administered by both academies and the Institute of Medicine.

For each of the four boards discussed in detail in this report, the NRC staff contact, the board chairman, the highlights of projects completed within the last two years, current projects, and contemplated projects are listed below. A summary of board objectives and goals, which are often called "terms of reference," is also provided for each group. Additional information may be obtained from the boards at the following address: 2101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20418.

Board on Ocean Science and Policy (BOSP)

NRC Staff Contact: Mary Hope Katsouras and Nancy Maynard (effective July 1), Executive Secretaries (telephone: 202-334-2714).
Board Chairman: John B. Slaughter, Chancellor, University of Maryland, Main Administration Building, Room 1101, College Park, MD 20742.

Objectives and Goals: "To contribute to the advancement of the scientific understanding of the ocean by the maintenance of a continuing oversight of the health of the ocean sciences and the stimulation of their progress. To foster the application of scientific knowledge to the wise use of the ocean and its resources. To assist in the formulation of national and international marine policy and to clarify scientific issues that affect ocean policy. To consider questions of international ocean science and, in particular, the implications of the Law of the Sea Treaty on marine science and scientists. To facilitate communication among ocean scientists and between ocean scientists and scientists in related fields. To address marine science issues involved in efforts to coordinate international oceanographic research, improve technical assistance and cooperation, and assist in the development of coherent fisheries policies."

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Current Projects:
Long-Term, Large-Scale Ocean Science Study on Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion.

Study on Land, Sea, and Air Disposal of Industrial and Domestic Wastes: Workshop on Global Observations and Understanding of the General Circulation of the Oceans.
Study on Mechanisms to Facilitate U.S. Marine Scientific Research in Waters of Foreign Coastal States: Effects of Human Activity on the Coastal Ocean.
Projects Contemplated:
Large Fluxes of Organic Matter in Oceans.
Ocean Climate Research Panel.
Study on Methods for Defining the Outer Boundaries of the U.S. Continental Shelf and their Policy Implications.

Board on Atmospheric Sciences and Climate (BASC)
NRC Staff Contact: John S. Pette, Executive Secretary (telephone: 202-334-3374).
Board Chairman: Thomas L. Malone, Holcomb Research Institute, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

Objectives and Goals: "To advance our understanding of the atmosphere and climate, and to improve our ability to apply this knowledge for our benefit." Among the board's special functions are providing advice and guidance to appropriate government agencies on objectives, priorities, plans, and implementation strategies for the National Climate Program, on U.S. participation in international research, and for focused national efforts in "critical areas" of atmospheric science and climate research; fostering the application of scientific knowledge of the atmosphere, climate, and socioeconomic systems to make wise use of the atmosphere and climate resources for the benefit of our country and other nations; studying the impact of weather and climate on human society and how humans affect the atmosphere and climate; and facilitating "communication among the diverse community of scientists concerned with the study of the atmosphere and the climate system, and of their interactions with society."

Completed Reports:
Carbon Dioxide and Climate: A Second Assessment.
Solar Terrestrial Research for the 1980's: Current Mesoscale Meteorological Research in the United States.

Current Projects:
Report of the Carbon Dioxide Assessment Committee.
Global Tropospheric Chemistry: Future Program Needs.
El Niño.

Global Atmospheric Research Program (GARP) and Associated First GARP Global Experiment (FGGE), Monsoon Experiment (MONEX), and Alpine Experiment (ALPEX).
Low-Level Wind Variability.
Projects Contemplated:
BASC will probably become involved in the National Operational and Research Meteorological (NORM) program (*Eos*, March 22, 1983, p. 113).

Polar Research Board (PRB)
NRC Staff Contact: W. Timothy Hushen, Executive Secretary (telephone: 202-334-3370).

Board Chairman: Charles R. Bentley, Geophysical & Polar Research Center, University of Wisconsin—Madison, Weeks Hall, 1215 W. Dayton Street, Madison, WI 53706.
Objectives and Goals:
"Advances federal agencies on the status, needs, and opportunities of U.S. polar sciences and research, and as U.S. National Committee for the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) of the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), it ensures the participation of the U.S. polar research community in the planning of international research programs under SCAR and in SCAR meetings and related activities."

Completed Reports:
Snow and Ice Research—A Strategy.
Permafrost Needs and Priorities for the 1980's.
The Polar Regions and Climate Change: Research Emphases in the U.S. Antarctic Program.
Study of the Upper Atmosphere and Near-Earth Space in Polar Regions: Scientific Status and Recommendations on Future Directions.
Polar Biomedical Research—An Assessment.

Current Projects:
Ice Segregation and Frost Heaving.
Antarctic Solid-Earth Geosciences.
Projects Contemplated:
Arctic Geosciences Research.
Antarctic Physical and Chemical Oceanography.
Arctic Marine Sciences.
Polar Biology.

Marine Board (MB)
NRC Staff Contact: Jack Bolter, Executive Director (telephone: 202-334-3119).

Board Chairman: John E. Filpas, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843.
Objectives and Goals: "The Marine Board serves the national interest by initiating, and by responding to requests for evaluations and giving advice on the nation's capability to accomplish its marine and maritime objectives. In its advisory role, the Marine Board considers questions of the relation of engineering and technology to coastal and offshore resource development and operations; to navigation and the commerce of the sea and waterways; to related human resources and on-shore activities; and to the establishment and implementation of public policies. The board identifies opportunities and needs for engineering studies and new technologies and recommends appropriate actions."
Completed Reports:
Technologies for Measurement While Drilling.
Measuring Ocean Waves: Ocean Instrumentation to Serve Science and Engineering.
Understanding the Arctic Sea Floor for Engineering Purposes.
Current Projects:
Petrochemical Effects of Drilling Fluids and Drill Cuttings in the Marine Environment.
National Capabilities for Arctic Ocean Engineering Across the West Florida Continental Shelf.
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Engineering Support of Deep Ocean Drilling for Science.
Ship Collisions with Bridges.
Projects Contemplated:
Engineering Implications of Mean Sea Level Changes.
Support of Ocean Science and Engineering Research.
National and International Cooperation and Information Exchange.
This information report was contributed by Barbara T. Richman, Eos News Writer.

News & Announcements

First Subsea Seismic Station

The first self-contained seismic station was installed recently in the ocean floor at a depth of 5.5 km, about 1,600 km southwest of Tahiti, close to the Tonga Trench. The region is thought to be the earth's most active seismic zone. The station will help scientists to determine if the subseafloor is a suitable place for recording seismic events by comparing noise levels with those of land-based stations and to determine whether marine seismic stations are possible to maintain. Eventually, marine stations could be used to help scientists predict earthquakes.

The computer-controlled seismic station, installed by the Naval Ocean Research and Development Activity's (NORDA) Marine Seismic System (MSS) Program Office, consists of four seismometers plus assorted sensors packaged in an 11 m long x 0.2 m diameter cylinder designed to resist corrosion and to withstand more than 700 kg/cm² of pressure. The cylinder was placed by the *Challenger* during Leg 91 of the Deep Sea Drilling Project (DSDP) in a 122-m deep borehole drilled into the ocean crust. A recoverable 4,500 kg data processing package, testing on the ocean floor nearby, powers the station. The package, containing tape recorder, data processing equipment, and batteries, can record seismic signals for 45 days.

J. A. Ballard, manager of the Marine Seismic System program, said that the data produced by the subseafloor station is comparable to that produced by such land-based stations as Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada, and the seismic station in La Jira, Texas. The La Jira station is considered by scientists to be the quietest one in the country. The MSS program is sponsored by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) of the Department of Defense.

SURF Request

The Southeastern Undersea Research Facility (SURF) of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW) has issued a request for proposals to conduct research on the continental shelf of the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico during calendar year 1984. The research would be part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Undersea Program.

SURF is one of four national undersea programs established by NOAA's Office of Undersea Research to improve the understanding and management of marine resources. The program is operated by UNCW under a cooperative agreement with NOAA and is sponsored by the Southeastern Consortium for Undersea Research Efforts (SECURE), an association of academic and research institutions and government agencies from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

Proposals will be evaluated by the SECURE National Peer Review Committee. Investigators should address contemporary management problems in areas of research that include seafloor properties and processes; geological, geophysical, and geothermal aspects of the seafloor, including sediment transport, stability, fluxes, mineral resources, and gradients in the water column; ocean technologies and services; fisheries; and pollution.

Deadline for submission of proposals is September 30, 1983. For additional information contact NOAA (RDSP2), 6010 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD 20855 (telephone: 301-443-8891) or Southeastern Undersea Research Facility, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, P.O. Box 3725, Wilmington, NC 28406 (telephone: 919-343-4462 or 919-762-7615).

Meetings

Flow Cytometry and Sorting

For the first time oceanographers have a tool, known as a flow cytometer and sorter, which is useful for simultaneous measurement of multiple parameters of individual cells and particles at rapid rates. We are now able to exploit the fluorescent capability of pigments and salts as signals to quantify and

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Climatic Changes

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The addition of this new technology to the ocean sciences will enable researchers to address problems which were previously intractable. The first unit, funded by the Office of Naval Research and the National Science Foundation, will be at Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences in West Boothbay Harbor, Maine, in the laboratory of Clarence M. Yentsch and David A. Phlips. In anticipation of this award, a workshop course on flow cytometry (FCM) and sorting techniques was held from October 24 through November 1, 1982, at the Bermuda Biological Station.

The workshop explored oceanographic applications of a Coulter Instruments Model EPICS V with one Coherent 5-Watt Argon-ion laser. The participants brought samples of cell cultures and natural populations to test the feasibility and limitations of FCM to specific projects. Results from the first trials at Bermuda were promising, and we wish to bring the potential of this class of instruments to the attention of the oceanographers and limnologists. A follow-up workshop is being planned at the Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences for October 4-10, 1983.

Most oceanic productivity is directly linked to the first step in the food web, the phytoplankton—microscopic plants which convert solar energy into chemical energy of sugars and other compounds. Collectively, phytoplankton are the pastures of the sea. Phytoplankton as well as bacteria and small animals exist essentially as single cells and small entities in the fluid medium. Most of these forms are within the size limits of the flow cytometer, permitting physiological and ecological studies.

Phytoplankton have their own innate fluorescent materials such as chlorophylls and biliproteins, which are pigments used in photosynthesis. It is due to this autofluorescence that researchers recently discovered an abundance of very small (~1 µm), bacteria-like forms which contain pigments. These organisms, belonging to the cyanobacteria (or blue-green algae), are now found to be ubiquitous in the upper layers of the world's ocean. Although to date we know very little about what were previously thought to be "exotic" forms, in an evolutionary sense they are extremely interesting. Cyanobacteria probably were the first plant forms to colonize the oceans, and research has demonstrated that many have pigments which protect them from harmful ultraviolet radiation. By photosynthetically producing oxygen, these organisms are a fundamental support for life as we know it today.

Most methods currently used to quantify minute life forms either have been very tedious and statistically unreliable, such as microscopy, or have relied on bulk measurements, thus masking variance and rare events. Researchers have had great difficulty in distinguishing between living (organic) and nonliving (inorganic) forms. Indeed, inorganic sediments occupy the same size range as do the bacteria and phytoplankton. Now it is possible to use chlorophyll fluorescence to detect bacteria and small animals, and DNA stains to estimate growth rates. Light scattering can be a useful index for inorganic sediment particles using flow cytometry.

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